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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brig. General A. J. Goodpaster
Staff Secretary

SUBJECT : Message from the Dalai Lama to the
President and the Secretary of State

1. Attached hereto is the original of the subject message, together with a translation. A copy of the translation has been sent to the Department of State.

2. Accompanying the message the Dalai Lama sent a white silk scarf to the President. This scarf is a gesture of respect and is part of the traditional Tibetan greeting extended to an important person.

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ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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TRANSLATION

To: The President and Secretary of State of the United States,
President Eisenhower and Secretary Herter,

Your Excellencies:

It is our purpose to say that to all the people of the world who love peace and freedom, the United States is the greatest and most powerful ally.

The American Government has shown great interest in Tibetan affairs and has given help both personal and impersonal. In doing this and by continuing to send us advice and information, I wish to thank you very much for all that you have given to us.

I now wish to say for one purpose that the essential desire of all Tibetan people, central, north, south, east, west, Khamba, and Amdo, all having the same language, religion, and beliefs, and with one will, all together want independence of Tibet.

In the world generally, and particularly in South East Asia, it is very important to have peace. Your support is even more important now than it was before. Please confer and plan whatever strategy is necessary in regard to giving Tibetans independence. Please present this plan at some time in the future when the discussion arises at the United Nations about recognition of Communist China. Eventually we will tell you what will be the necessary things to do.

The American Government, President Eisenhower, Secretary Herter: please give us advice regarding our affairs and what you propose to do.

With this scarf, from Mussoorie in India

Dalai Lama (signature)

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